

1. Identify the following as arithmetic, geometric, or neither. Also find the next 2 terms.

a) $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{4}{5}, \underline{\frac{5}{6}}, \underline{\frac{6}{7}}$

Circle one: Arithmetic

Geometric Neither

$$\frac{2}{3} \div \frac{1}{2} = \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{2}{1} = \frac{4}{3}$$

b) 3, -6, 9, -12, 15, -18

Circle one: Arithmetic

~~Geometric~~ Neither

$$\frac{-6}{3} = -2 \quad \frac{9}{-6} = -\frac{3}{2} \quad -2 \neq -\frac{3}{2}$$

c) 729, 243, 81, 27, 9, 3

Circle one: Arithmetic

Geometric Neither

$$\frac{243}{729} = \frac{1}{3} \quad \frac{81}{243} = \frac{1}{3} \quad \checkmark$$

2. Write the formula for the following sequence.

-2, 4, 10, 16,

$$t_1 = -2$$

$$t_n = -2 + (n-1)6 \quad \text{or} \quad t_n = 6n - 8$$

$$d = 6$$

3. Find the specified term of the arithmetic sequence.

20, 17, 14, ... ; t_{20}

$$t_1 = 20$$

$$d = -3$$

$$n = 20$$

$$\begin{aligned} t_{20} &= 20 + (20-1)(-3) \\ &= 20 + 19(-3) \end{aligned}$$

$$t_{20} = -37$$

4. Find the position, n, of the underlined term.

-5, .5, 6, 11.5, ..., 127

$$t_1 = -5$$

$$d = 5.5$$

$$t_n = 127$$

$$\begin{aligned} 127 &= -5 + (n-1)5.5 \\ +5 & \quad +5 \\ \hline 132 &= (n-1)5.5 \\ \hline 5.5 & \quad 5.5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 24 &= n-1 \\ +1 & \quad +1 \end{aligned}$$

$$25 = n$$

127 is the 25th term

5. Insert three arithmetic means between 12 and 2.

$$12, \underline{9.5}, \underline{7}, \underline{4.5}, \underline{2}$$

t_1 t_5

$$t_1 = 12$$

$$n = 5$$

$$t_n = 2$$

$$2 = 12 + (5-1)d$$

$$\frac{-10}{4} = \frac{4d}{4}$$

$$-\frac{5}{2} = d \text{ or } -2.5 = d$$

6. Write the formula for the following sequence.

-6, -12, -24, ...

$\times 2$ $\times 2$

$$t_1 = -6$$

$$r = 2$$

$$t_n = -6(2)^{n-1}$$

7. Find the specified term of the geometric sequence.

$\frac{1}{9}, \frac{-1}{3}, 1, -3, \dots; t_{15}$

$t_1 = \frac{1}{9}$ $n = 15$

$$r = -3$$

$$t_{15} = \frac{1}{9}(-3)^{15-1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{9}(-3)^{14}$$

$$t_{15} = 53,441$$

8. Find the position, n, of the underlined term.

4, 16, 64, 256, ..., 16777216

$$t_1 = 4$$

$$r = 4$$

$$t_n = 16777216$$

$$\frac{16777216}{4} = \frac{4(4)^{n-1}}{4}$$

$$4194304 = 4^{n-1}$$

$$\log_4 4194304 = n-1$$

$$\frac{\log 4194304}{\log 4} = n-1$$

$$11 = n-1$$

$$+1 \quad +1$$

$$12 = n$$

12th term

9. Insert three geometric means between 81 and 1.

$$t_1 = 81$$

$$n = 5$$

$$t_n = 1$$

$$r = ?$$

$$1 = 81(r)^{5-1}$$

$$\frac{1}{81} = \frac{81}{81}(r)^4 \rightarrow \sqrt[4]{\frac{1}{81}} = \sqrt[4]{r^4}$$

$$\frac{1}{3} = r$$

$$81, \underline{27}, \underline{9}, \underline{3}, \underline{1}$$

10. Write the series in expanded form, and find its sum.

$$a) \sum_{k=1}^5 4k-3 = 1 + 5 + 9 + 13 + 17 = \boxed{45}$$

expanded form

$$b) \sum_{k=1}^5 4(2)^{(k-1)} = 4 + 8 + 16 + 32 + 64 = \boxed{124}$$

11. Rewrite the series into sigma notation.

a) $6 + 12 + 24 + \dots + 98304$

$t_1 = 6$ $n = ?$ t_{15}

$r = 2$

$t_n = 98304$

$\frac{98304}{6} = \frac{6(2)^{n-1}}{6}$

$16384 = 2^{n-1}$

$\log_2 16384 = n-1$

$\frac{\log 16384}{\log 2} = n-1$

$14 = n-1$

$14 = n-1$ $+1$ $+1$ $t_n = 6(2)^{n-1}$

$15 = n$

$\sum_{k=1}^{15} 6(2)^{k-1}$

b) $5 + 8 + 11 + 14 + \dots$

$t_1 = 5$ $t_n = 5 + (n-1)3$

$d = 3$

$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 5 + (k-1)3 = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 3k + 2$

$n = \infty$

12. A wealthy mother gives her daughter \$5 on her first birthday, \$10 on her second birthday, \$20 on her third birthday, and \$40 on her fourth birthday. If this pattern continues, what will be the gift on her 28th birthday?

$t_1 = 5$

$r = 2$

$n = 28$

Term #	1	2	3	4	...	28
B-day	1	2	3	4	...	28
\$	5	10	20	40	...	t_{28}

$t_{28} = 5(2)^{28-1}$

$= 5(2)^{27}$

$t_{28} = \$ 67,1088,640$

